



## Aviation Awareness Art Contest

This year's awards ceremony for the Aviation Awareness Art Contest was held on June 19, in Helena. The winner's and their families were flown to Helena from their hometowns for this very special event. Lt. Governor Karl Ohs presented the three lucky winners with a trophy, plaque, ribbon and pin. This year's winners are Morgan Kinney from Florence, Montana, Morgan will be entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Florence Carlton School and is also the grand prizewinner, which includes paid tuition to attend the 2001 Experimental Aircraft Association Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI and a round trip airline ticket. Samantha Dorne, 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Salmon Prairie School in Swan Lake was the winner in Category II and Blake Buechler, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Malta Elementary School in Malta was the winner in Category I. Following the awards ceremony all were treated to a tour of the Capitol, lunch and a tour of the Helena Tower before returning home.



*Pictured above, left to right, are contest winners Morgan Kinney, Blake Buechler and Crystal & Samantha Dorne, Crystal was the 2nd place winner in Category II (a very talented family!).*



*Lt. Governor Karl Ohs, presents Morgan Kinney with his award, Montana Aeronautics thanks Lt. Governor Ohs for taking part in this very special ceremony. See the artists winning entries and more contest photos on pages 4 & 5 of the newsletter.*

Second & Third place winners are as follows:

Category III – Grades 9-12

2<sup>nd</sup> – Nathan Hall, Milltown, MT

3<sup>rd</sup> – Elizabeth Semple, Clancy, MT

Category II – Grades 5-8

2<sup>nd</sup> – Crystal Dorne, Swan Lake, MT

3<sup>rd</sup> – Aaron Nicholson, Laurel, MT

Category III – Grades 1-4

2<sup>nd</sup> – Anna Wood, Swan Lake, MT

3<sup>rd</sup> – Eric Hanson, Kalispell, MT

# Administrator's Column

## FBO'S Concerned about IRS Ruling -

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) has expressed grave concern to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in response to an IRS decision on application of "segment fees" for on-demand air charter. On demand charter service companies are subject to the same 7.5% federal excess tax plus a \$2.75 segment fee that applies to the sale of airline tickets. When the tax was enacted it was not made clear how this segment fee was to be applied to on-demand air charter where the use of the entire aircraft is being purchased, not just an individual seat. The IRS is now saying that the segment fee should be applied by multiplying the number of segments by the number of passengers carried. The IRS has made this decision retroactive. NATA president James Coyne stated, "For the IRS to now require the retroactive collection of these taxes would be extremely burdensome on air charter businesses." That "these companies are prime examples of small businesses that form the backbone of our nation's economy. We urge the IRS to consider the severe impact the retroactive collection of these fees will have on our industry." Coyne further stated "We have worked diligently with the IRS to clarify how this segment fee would be applied, however, our repeated requests for a determination on this matter have not been answered. This has left the industry with little guidance on how to apply these fees." ➔

## McCain Loses Chairmanship with Switch of Control -

When Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords switched political seats in the Senate, the Republican's lost their majority and thus all Chairman seats switched over to the Democratic majority. The Senate Commerce Committee chairmanship switched from Arizona Senator John McCain to South Carolina Senator Ernest Hollings. Many in the aviation circles are happy to see Senator McCain ousted as he has been very controversial over his strong advocacy of the Clinton Administration's attempts to impose unpopular "USER FEES" on General Aviation and his attack

against Phil Boyer, President, Aircraft Owners And Pilots Association (AOPA) and vindictively blocking Boyers appointment to the Federal Aviation Administration's Management Advisory Council. Senator Hollings is said to be far less supportive of "USER FEES". ➔

## Blue Angels In the Big Sky Air Show



### Korea Remembered

Featured Events:  
U.S. Army Golden Knights  
Parachute Team  
Greg Poe's Edge 540 Acrobatic Aircraft  
Pietsch Interstate Cadet Mono-Wing  
Replica Racing Aircraft Gee Bee R-2  
Smoke II - Thunder Jet Dragster  
Rocky Mountain Command Dogs  
F-16 Demonstration Team  
F-86 Saber and Mig-15  
F-117 Stealth  
**July 21 & 22, 2001 - Gallatin Field,  
Bozeman, MT**  
Gates open at 9:00 a.m.  
Advance Admission \$8  
Korean War Vets Free  
Tickets available at First Security Banks,  
Lee & Dad's IGA-Belgrade,  
Albertson's-Bozeman,  
Big Sky Western Banks,  
County Market-Bozeman &  
Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce



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# Calendar

**July 11-15** – Northwest EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention, Arlington, WA.

**July 20-22** - Schafer Meadows Work Session.

**July 20-22** – Seeley Lake Fly-In.

**July 21-22** – Civil Air Patrol aviation search & rescue USAF evaluated training exercise, Lewistown Airport. All pilots and aviation enthusiasts are welcome to observe.

**July 21-22** – Big Sky Air Show – Gallatin Field, Bozeman.

**July 21-22** – Dayton Air Show, for further information - phone (216) 781-0747, fax (216) 781-7810, website – [www.airshowdayton.com](http://www.airshowdayton.com)

**July 24-30** – 2001 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

**August 2-5** – MAAA Fly-In, Three Forks.

**August 4** – Alberta Flying Farmers Fly-In, Fort Benton. Montana Pilots welcome to join.

**August 10-12** – FAA Family Fly-In and Flight Safety Conference, McCall, Idaho. For info call Jim Cooney (406) 449-5270.

**August 10-12** – Eighth Annual Splash-In – Fly-In, Stillwater Landing, Whitefish. For Information/RSVP Contact: Bill Montgomery (406) 881-2236, email [stilwind@whidbey.net](mailto:stilwind@whidbey.net).

**August 25-26** - Polson Fly-In, Steak Fry - Polson Airport. For further information call Tom (406) 883-9392.

**September 1, 2 & 3** – Cleveland National Air Show, for further information - phone (216) 781-0747, fax (216) 781-7810, website – [www.clevelandairshow.com](http://www.clevelandairshow.com).

**September 14-16** – Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Kalispell.

**November 8-10** – AOPA Expo 2001 – Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

# Aviation Education Going Strong



*Galata School students visited Montana Aeronautics and were given Young Eagle rides with Jeanne MacPherson in the T-41, students gave a big thumbs up to their exciting day.*

## Aeronautics Board Meets



*The Aeronautics Board held their last meeting at the Yellowstone Airport on June 4, the meeting included a tour of the smoke jumper base, a tour of the airport and a report from the Airport Manager, Skywest Airlines, West Yellowstone City Manager, Chamber of Commerce and others.*



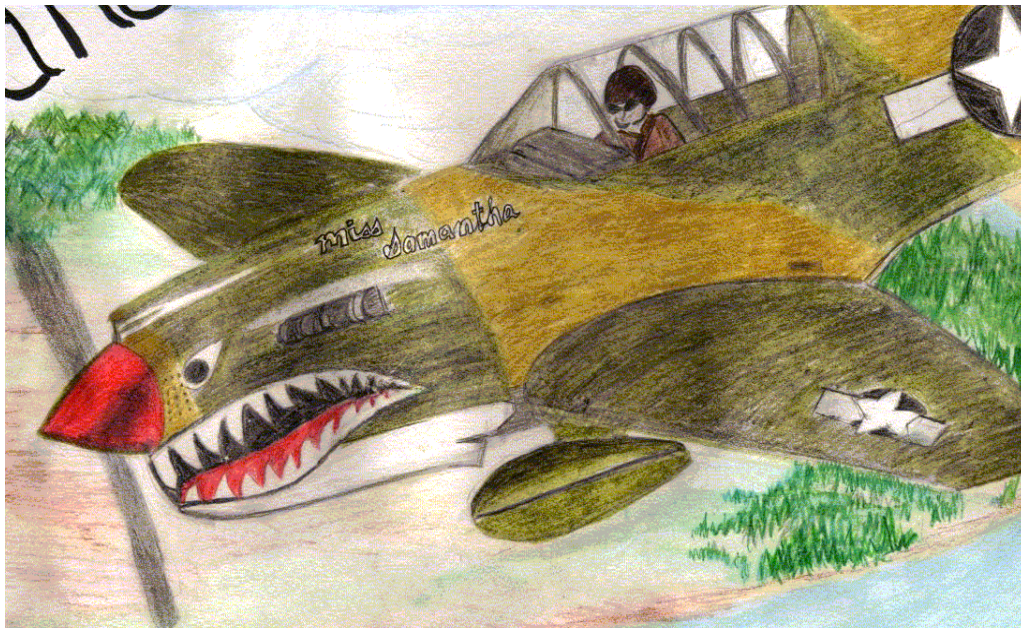
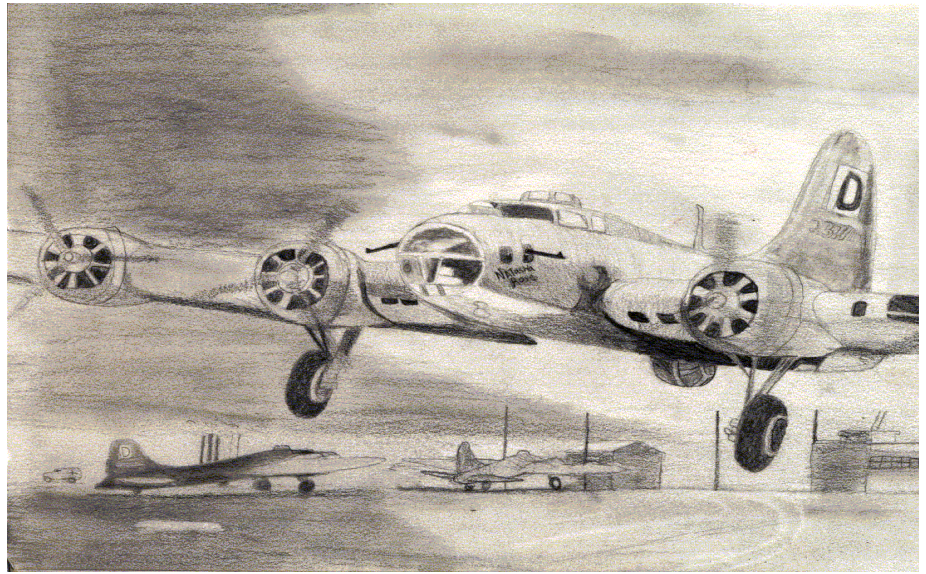
## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Sher-Wood Airport will be undergoing a major improvement project this summer. Construction is expected to begin the end of June and be completed in October. Improvements will include the reconstruction of the paved runway and apron, construction of a parallel taxiway and miscellaneous electrical improvements. **The Airport Will Be Closed During This Time.**

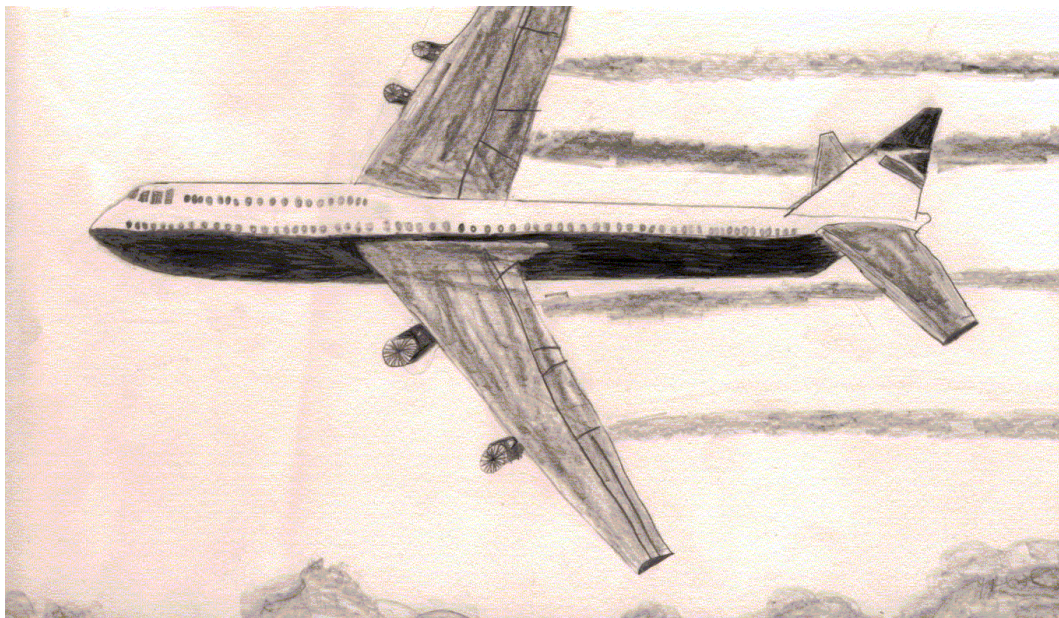


# Art Contest Winning Entries!

*1st Place, Morgan Kinney, Category III, Grades 9-12 - Morgan's artwork depicted a Boeing B-17F Flying Fortress. Morgan likes drawing planes, old and new, as well as making up some of his own. He tries to get closer to any type of plane to study it whenever a chance should arise.*



*1st Place, Samantha Dorne, Category II, Grades 5-8 - at the advice of her father Samantha drew a P-40 Curtiss. Some of you may recognize Samantha; her aviation artwork has won her 2nd and 3rd place entries several times in this contest, this year we were very pleased to present her with a first place trophy.*



*1st Place, Blake Buechler, Category I, Grades 1-4 - Blake did a pencil drawing of a Boeing 747. Hard to believe he is only a 3rd grader when you look at this excellent artwork. Blake has a very strong interest in aviation and is sure to be the pilot in command of one of these in the future.*



## More Contest Photos



*Pictured are Lt. Governor Ohs, Samantha Dorne and her proud parents, Carol & John.*



*Blake Buechler pictured here with Lt. Governor Ohs and his parents Ed & Barb, Blake's little sister Lauren also got to come along to congratulate her brother on his achievement.*



*Grand Prize winner Morgan Kinney pictured here with Lt. Governor Ohs and Michael Ferguson.*

## Big Sky Airlines Proposes Essential Air Service

Big Sky Airlines said that it wants to provide Moses Lake – Seattle air service under the Department of Transportation's Essential Air Service (EAS) program. In its response to the DOT's request for proposals, the Billings, Montana based carrier stated that it is prepared to replace Horizon Air as the EAS carrier by early July.

Big Sky's proposal would include three non-stop flights to Seattle each Monday-Friday and two flights on Saturday and Sunday. All flights will be operated with the 19 passenger Fairchild Metro III and 23 Aircraft. Horizon Air currently provides three daily flights to Seattle with one flight making an intermediate stop in Wenatchee. In addition, Big Sky's proposal would also include one daily flight between Moses Lake and Spokane, a route that is not part of the EAS program.

Big Sky said that if it is awarded the route, it expects to secure "code sharing" and frequent flyer program agreements with Alaska Airlines, Horizon Air and Northwest Airlines, so that Moses Lake travelers can make easy connections at Seattle or Spokane and continue enjoying the convenience of flying with one ticket and one economical through fare to destinations throughout the west and around the world served by the three carriers.

"Big Sky has the aircraft and flight crews and is ready and waiting to provide Moses Lake with more nonstop service to Seattle and new service to Spokane" said Big Sky's President & CEO Mr. Kim Champney. "We have many years of experience serving similar routes in Montana and believe we are ideally suited to provide reliable service to the citizens of the Moses Lake-Ephrata area", he said.

For additional information please call Kim Champney, President & CEO or Craig Denney, Executive VP, at (406) 247-3910.

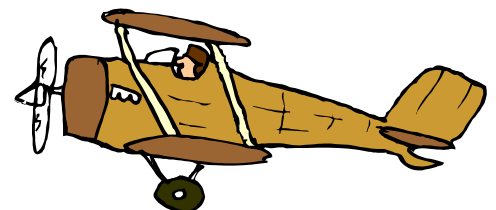


# Backcountry Airstrip Work Session

The Meadow Creek and Spotted Bear work sessions were both held on June 2nd and the weather was beautiful that day. Only a small volunteer crew showed up at Meadow Creek, however a considerable amount of work was accomplished including installation of new windsocks, repairing one windsock standard, painting the windsock poles, filling gopher holes, installing two new runway marker cones, clearing of brush and trees from both ends of the runway and cutting firewood for the campsites. All but two hearty individuals departed Meadow Creek that evening and flew on to Spotted Bear for a barbeque sponsored by the Kalispell MPA Hangar. The next morning R.T. Adkins flew back in with the windsock standard he had flown out the night before to repair and informed the two that a storm was coming in from the South. R.T. hastily departed to the North just as it started to snow. It snowed all day Sunday and Sunday night, dumping 10 inches of very wet snow by Monday morning. Monday morning brought clear, warm sunshine skies and the snow started to melt. After a full day of shoveling snow and two aborted take-offs, the two were able to make three tracks wide enough to take off that evening. Although Spotted Bear didn't get nearly as much snow, it was learned that several airplanes got stranded however the pilots were able to get ground transportation to Kalispell.



*Pictured above are some of the hard working individuals at Meadow Creek, Ted Luark and Carolyn Polinsky of Huson and Jeanie Bystrom of Helena standing by the fire at her snowy Meadow Creek campsite. Far left photo is Chuck Jareki, Polson and center photo is R. T. Adkins, Kalispell.*





# **EIGHTH ANNUAL SPLASH IN – FLY IN STILLWATER LANDING SPB AND CAMP**



LOWER STILLWATER LAKE, HWY. 93 N., 14 MILES NORTHWEST OF  
WHITEFISH, MONTANA

**WEEKEND OF AUGUST 10, 11 & 12, 2001**

THIS IS A NON-STRUCTURED SOCIAL EVENT OPEN TO PILOTS AND  
THOSE INTERESTED IN AVIATION

FRIDAY EVENING - MUSIC, CAMPFIRE, SWIM, RELAX, PLAY, HIKE

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – 3:00 –6:00 P.M.

POT LUCK, PIG ROAST – BBQ BY DOUG BROWN  
FOLLOWED WITH LIVE MUSIC BY PEPE AND SUE  
AND EVENING CAMPFIRE

SUNDAY - PANCAKE BREAKFAST

COST – FREE – THE EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY COOKIE JAR DONA-  
TIONS, PLUS RAFFLE OF DONATED EQUIPMENT HELD ON  
SATURDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

COME BY PLANE – FLOATS, AMPHIBS, WHEELS, OR VEHICLE/RV  
PLENTY OF CAMPING SITES ON LAKE FRONT  
SHOWERS AND RESTROOMS NEARBY

IF YOU LIKE COMFORT, TRANSPORTATION TO TOWN IS AVAILABLE  
LODGING AVAILABLE IN NEARBY WHITEFISH - GROUSE MOUNTAIN  
LODGE, PINE LODGE, AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE - NOTE: MAKE  
RESERVATIONS EARLY AS LODGING FOR AUGUST FILLS UP QUICKLY

40 MILES FROM THE ENTRANCE TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK  
THERE ARE MANY OTHER LODGING AND ACTIVITY OPTIONS IN THE  
FLATHEAD VALLEY

FLOATPLANES SEE SPA DIRECTORY

48.31.21-114.33.17 ELEV. 3061' MONITOR 122.9

WHEEL PLANES CAN USE WHITEFISH, 58S (GRASS, NO FUEL, NO  
RENTAL CARS) OR KALISPELL CITY, S27 (FUEL, RENTAL CARS &  
TAXI) OR GLACIER PARK INTERNATIONAL, FCA W/FBO'S EAGLE AIR,  
(W/SPEICAL FUEL DISCOUNTS), AND HOLMAN AVIATION  
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## **10 Ways to Help Prevent Runway Incursions**

### **1. See The “Big Picture”**

Monitor both ground and tower communi-  
cations when possible.

### **2. Transmit Clearly**

Make your instructions and read backs  
complete and easy to understand.

### **3. Listen Carefully**

Listen to your clearance. Listen to what you  
read back. Do not let communications be-  
come automatic.

### **4. Copy Clearances**

Clearances can change. Keep a note pad  
and copy your clearance. If needed refer to  
your notes.

### **5. Situational Awareness**

Know your location. If unfamiliar with an  
airport keep a current airport diagram avail-  
able for easy reference.

### **6. Admit When Lost**

If you get lost on an airport ask ATC for  
help. Better to damage your pride than your  
airplane.

### **7. Sterile Cockpit**

Maintain a sterile cockpit until reaching  
cruising altitude. Explain to your passen-  
gers that talking should be kept to a mini-  
mum.

### **8. Understand Signs, Lights And Markings**

Keep current with airport signs, lights and  
markings. Know what they mean and what  
action to take.

### **9. Never Assume**

Do not take clearances for granted. Look  
both ways before entering or crossing taxi-  
ways and runways.

### **10. Follow Procedures**

Establish safe procedures for airport op-  
erations. Then follow them.

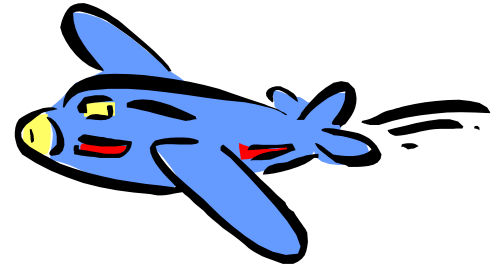
# Young Eagles Day



*Young Eagles Day in Billings was a huge success with volunteers flying 255 kids! Pictured above is volunteer Roger Petersen with Young Eagles.*

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